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SELF EMPLOYMENT CREDIT CARD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated, released and utilized under Self-Employment Credit Card Scheme for artisans, craftsmen and weavers during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;

(b) the number of artisans, craftsmen and weavers benefited during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any targets to provide financial assistance to artisans, craftsmen and weavers through said Scheme during the Eleventh Plan period; and

(d) the names of schemes proposed to be formulated for the development and welfare of artisans, craftsmen and weavers during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): There is no scheme in the name of Self-Employment Credit Card for artisans and weavers. However for handicrafts artisans there is a scheme named Artisan Credit Card (ACC) which is being implemented through banks to facilitate credit flow to handicrafts artisans. Another scheme titled Swarojgar Credit Card (SCC) is being implemented through National Agriculture Bank for Rural Development (NABARD) under which handloom weavers can also avail credit. No state-wise funds are allocated under these schemes.

(b): The number of artisans benefitted under ACC, as reported by banks in the country, is 1,03842 during the last three years. As regards Handloom weavers, the SCC schemes cover other vocations also and segregated figures of number of weavers benefited are not available.

(c): Under ACC, a target of issuing 1,36,000 cards to handicrafts artisans has been proposed for the 11th Plan. No target for weavers has been fixed under SCC.

(d): The schemes proposed for development and welfare of handicrafts artisan include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters: Human Resource Development; Marketing & Support Services; Design & Technology up gradation; Research & Development; Welfare Scheme and Integrated Handloom Dev elopement Scheme; Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme; Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme; Mill Gate Price Scheme & Diversified Handloom Development Scheme for weavers.